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TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE IL-173

Purpose: To distribute the new Illinois Agronomy Technical Note No. 18, "NRCS Fertility Guidelines for Irrigated Specialty Crops on Coarse Textured Soils."

Background: Specialty crops are frequently grown on coarse textured soils. Specialty crops have different nutritional requirements than do agronomic crops. Additionally, coarse textured soils do not retain plant nutrients to the same degree as finer textured soils. Consequently, nutrient application recommendations differ from those of agronomic crops, particularly, with respect to mobile nutrients. Agronomy Technical Note No. 18 provides recommendations for specialty crops commonly grown on sandy soils in Illinois

Location

Section I.G.:

Technical Notes and
References by Discipline

Summary of Changes

Revised Illinois Agronomy Technical Note. 18, "NRCS Fertility Guidelines for Irrigated Specialty Crops on Coarse Textured Soils."

Action: File a hard copy of Illinois Technical Note 18 in the field office technical reference file under "Agronomy".

Access to eFOTG can be through the Illinois home page by clicking on "eFOTG" or by accessing <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg/>

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Attachment: Illinois Agronomy Technical Note No. 18, dated August 2006.

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